(b) if so, how many such inspection visits were undertaken by the UGC;

(c) what were the findings;

(d) whether there has been hostility between the UGC and some new private universities; and

(e) what steps the UGC would take to create a more positive and constructive atmosphere in dealing with the private educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Experts Committees of the UGC conducted inspections of all the private universities notified by the State Government of Chhattisgarh in terms of the provisions of the Chhattisgarh Niji Kshetra Vishwavidyalaya [Sthapana Aur Viniyaman] Sansodhan Adhiniyam, 2004 including the 'AMITY'. The Committees reports were conveyed to the State Government for appropriate action.

In the meantime, Private universities established in the State of Chhattisgarh under the Chhattisgarh Niji Kshetra Vishwavidyalaya [Sthapana Aur Viniyaman] Adhiniyam, 2002 and the Sansodhan Adhiniyam of 2004, have ceased to exist as a result of the Supreme Court of India's judgement dated 11 February, 2005 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 19/2004: Prof. Yash Pal & Ors. *Vs.* State of Chhattisgarh & Ors.

Clusters of Institutions

2067. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has evolved plans to form clusters of institutions so that infrastructure may be shared;

(b) if so, the details of the cluster formations amongst the universities being advocated by the University Grants Commission;

(c) whether the UGC would also formulate a scheme to fund such cluster formation;

(d) the details of the participation of UGC in this proposal;

(e) whether all universities have agreed to this idea; and

(f) if not, the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), no such scheme has been formulated.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.